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BORED? DEPRESSED? FEEL LIKE LIFE'S A LITTLE EMPTY?
MAYBE THIS CYBERNETIC AGE IS GETTING YOU DOWN! ARE THE IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE DROWNING IN A SEA OF DATA? IS YOUR REALITY GIVING WAY TO VIRTUAL REALITY?
THEN YOU NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE DATA-SEA, THE SOUL OF THE ELECTRONIC WAVES! YOU NEED MY NEW VIRTUAL REALITY PROGRAM, "FINDING LIFE IN A LIFELESS WORLD!"
AVAILABLE ONLY FROM ME, THE CYBERSHAMAN WITCH-DOCTOR TO THE STARS!
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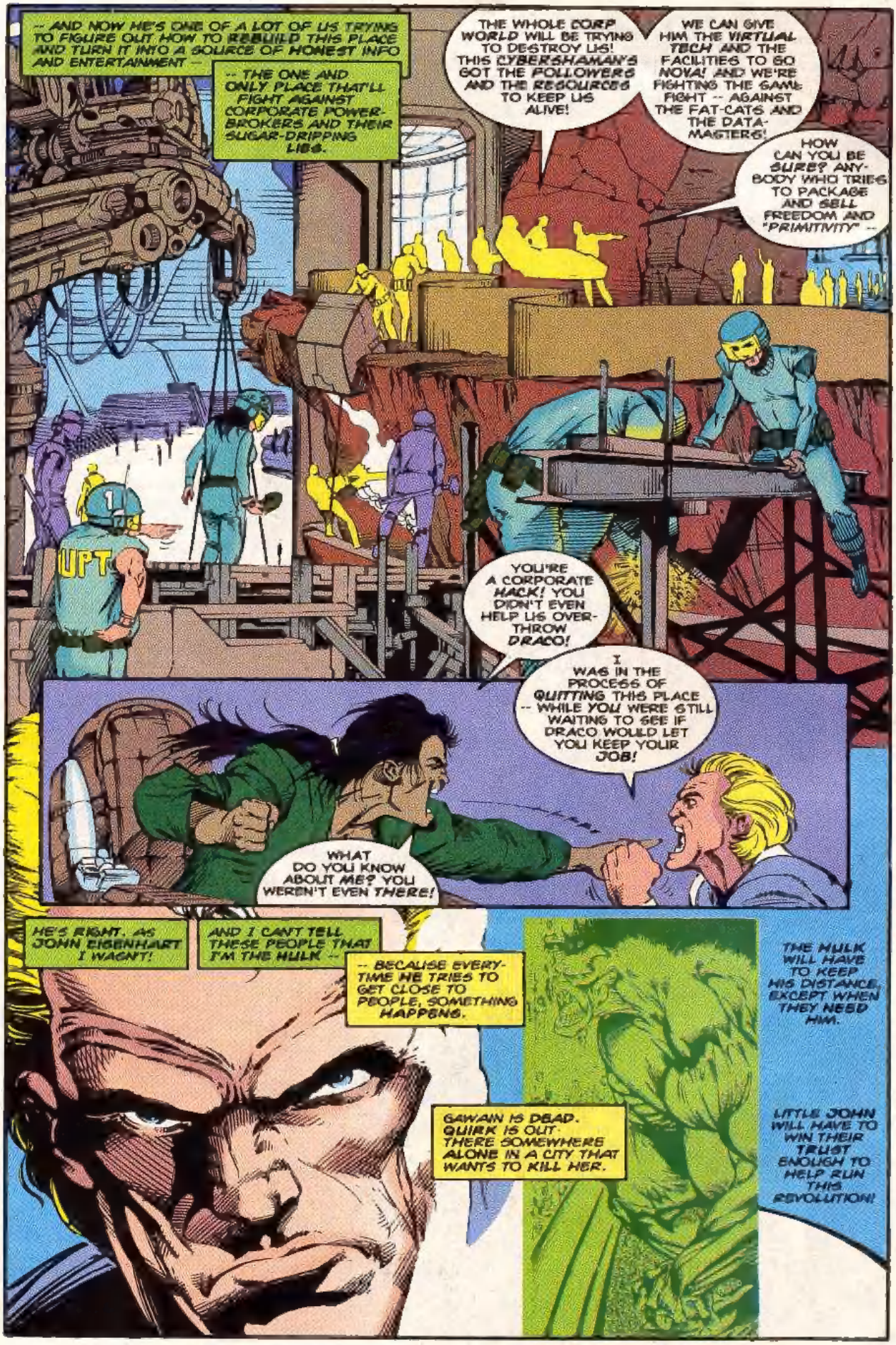
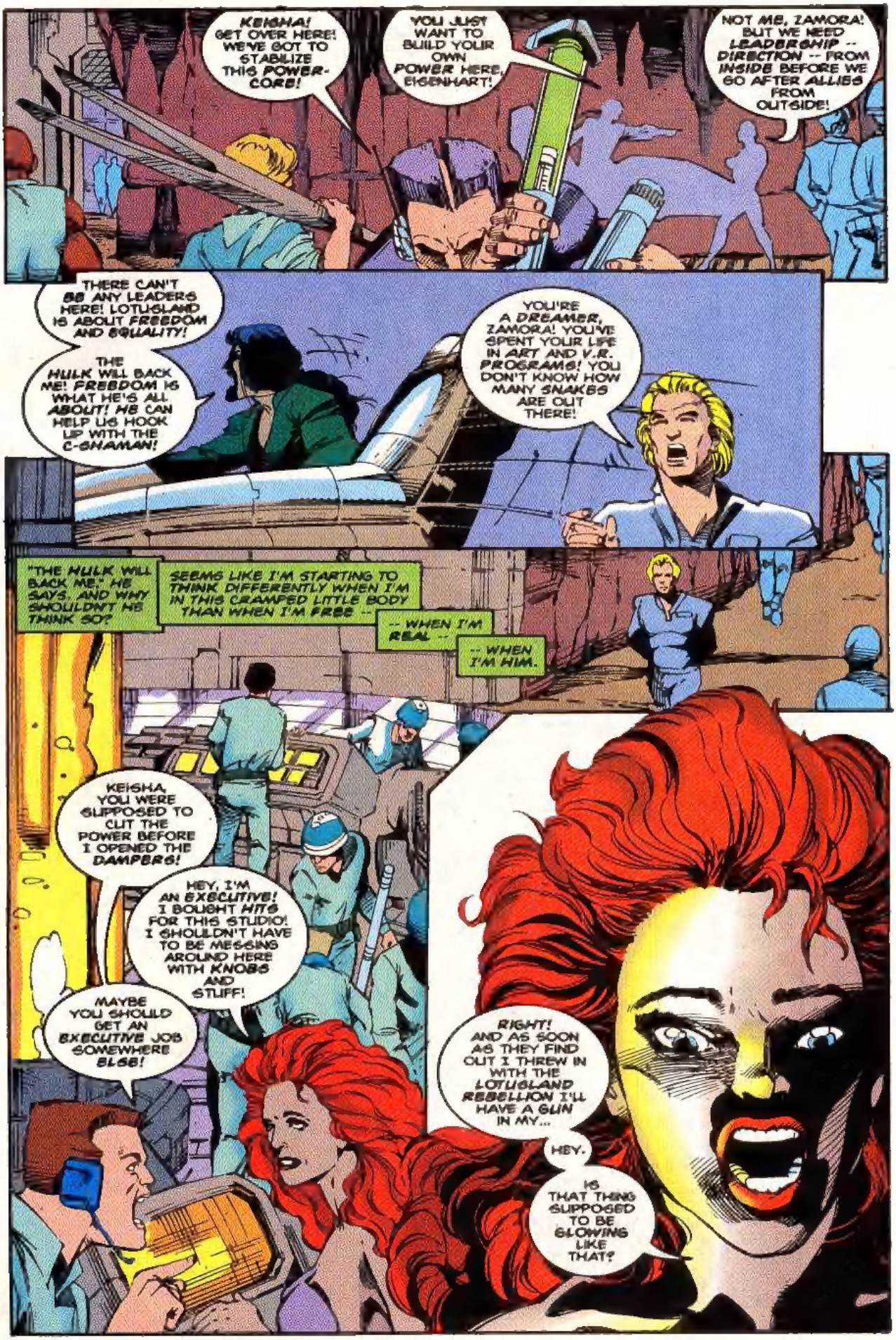
LET'S HEAR SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE CELEBRITIES TELL HOW FOLLOWING MY SIMPLE, FRIENDLY NEW RELIGION HAS CHANGED THEIR LIVES!
I OVERCAME MY PARANOIA ABOUT CYBERNETIC MIND-CONTROL! AND THAT MADE ME A MORE BANKABLE ACTOR!
KenoReno VR star
I THOUGHT MY CAREER...AND MY LIFE...WERE OVER! THE CYBERSHAMAN HAS GIVEN ME A NEW YOUTH!
EsmaCrawlie Queen of Romance
IT'S JUST SOOOOOOO BEAUTIFUL!
StarlightStarbright Favorite NEW Face of '99
IT PUTS ME IN CONTROL!
AlfStuckengruber King of Action
THE POWER OF MY NEO-PRIMITIVE SPIRITUALISM CAN BE YOURS FOR LESS THAN THE COST OF A DAY IN A DECONTAMINATION TANK!
ENJOY ORGIASTIC RITUALS AND A FEELING OF BELONGING! WE'RE NEARING THE MILLION-MEMBER MARK ALREADY!

JOIN THE RELIGION THAT LETS YOU DANCE IN THE STREETS --
-- AND GIVES YOU THE POWER TO KEEP THEM FROM STOPPING YOU!
SOON NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO!
THE ELECTRONIC BOXES THAT TRAP THE HUMAN SOUL WILL GO UP IN SMOKE!
TALK ABOUT AN ANTIDOTE TO CIVILIZATION!
JOINING IS AS EASY AS PUSHING A BUTTON!
I SAY HE'S IT, EISENHART!
THE OTHERS THINK I SHOULD CONSULT WITH YOU -- BECAUSE YOU USED TO HUNT DOWN NEW RELIGIONS.
PERSONALLY, I DON'T TRUST YOU... BUT LOTUS-LAND IS A DEMOCRACY NOW.
THANKS FOR THE HONESTY.
HOLD THE ELEVATOR!
CORE LEVEL
HIS NAME'S ZAMORA. HE LED THE REVOLT THAT BEAT DRACO AND PUT THIS STUDIO IN THE HANDS OF THE WORKERS --
(OKAY, THE HULK LED IT, BUT ZAMORA NEARLY GOT HIMSELF KILLED FIGHTING FOR IT --)


-- AND NOW HE'S ONE OF A LOT OF US TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO REBUILD THIS PLACE AND TURN IT INTO A SOURCE OF HONEST INFO AND ENTERTAINMENT --
-- THE ONE AND ONLY PLACE THAT'LL FIGHT AGAINST CORPORATE POWER-BROKERS AND THEIR SUGAR-DRIPPING LIES.
THE WHOLE CORP WORLD WILL BE TRYING TO DESTROY US! THIS CYBERSHAMAN'S GOT THE FOLLOWERS AND THE RESOURCES TO KEEP US ALIVE!
WE CAN GIVE HIM THE VIRTUAL TECH AND THE FACILITIES TO GO NOVA! AND WE'RE FIGHTING THE SAME FIGHT -- AGAINST THE FAT-CATS AND THE DATA-MASTERS!
HOW CAN YOU BE SURE? ANYBODY WHO TRIES TO PACKAGE AND SELL FREEDOM AND "PRIMITIVITY" --
UPT
YOU'RE A CORPORATE HACK! YOU DIDN'T EVEN HELP US OVERTHROW DRACO!
I WAS IN THE PROCESS OF QUITTING THIS PLACE -- WHILE YOU WERE STILL WAITING TO SEE IF DRACO WOULD LET YOU KEEP YOUR JOB!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME? YOU WEREN'T EVEN THERE!
HE'S RIGHT. AS JOHN EISENHART I WASN'T!
AND I CAN'T TELL THESE PEOPLE THAT I'M THE HULK --
-- BECAUSE EVERY-TIME HE TRIES TO GET CLOSE TO PEOPLE, SOMETHING HAPPENS.
GAWAIN IS DEAD. QUIRK IS OUT THERE SOMEWHERE ALONE IN A CITY THAT WANTS TO KILL HER.
THE HULK WILL HAVE TO KEEP HIS DISTANCE EXCEPT WHEN THEY NEED HIM.
LITTLE JOHN WILL HAVE TO WIN THEIR TRUST ENOUGH TO HELP RUN THIS REVOLUTION!


KEISHA! GET OVER HERE! WE'VE GOT TO STABILIZE THIS POWER-CORE!
YOU JUST WANT TO BUILD YOUR OWN POWER HERE, EISENHART!
NOT ME, ZAMORA! BUT WE NEED LEADERSHIP -- DIRECTION -- FROM INSIDE BEFORE WE GO AFTER ALLIES FROM OUTSIDE!
THERE CAN'T BE ANY LEADERS HERE! LOTUSLAND IS ABOUT FREEDOM AND EQUALITY!
THE HULK WILL BACK ME! FREEDOM IS WHAT HE'S ALL ABOUT! HE CAN HELP US HOOK UP WITH THE C-SHAMAN!
YOU'RE A DREAMER, ZAMORA! YOU'VE SPENT YOUR LIFE IN ART AND V.R. PROGRAMS! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MANY SNAKES ARE OUT THERE!
"THE HULK WILL BACK ME." HE SAYS. AND WHY SHOULDN'T HE THINK SO?
SEEMS LIKE I'M STARTING TO THINK DIFFERENTLY WHEN I'M IN THIS CRAMPED LITTLE BODY THAN WHEN I'M FREE --
-- WHEN I'M REAL --
-- WHEN I'M HIM.
KEISHA, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO CUT THE POWER BEFORE I OPENED THE DAMPERS!
HEY, I'M AN EXECUTIVE! I BOUGHT HITS FOR THIS STUDIO! I SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE MESSING AROUND HERE WITH KNOBS AND STUFF!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET AN EXECUTIVE JOB SOMEWHERE ELSE!
RIGHT! AND AS SOON AS THEY FIND OUT I THREW IN WITH THE LOTUSLAND REBELLION I'LL HAVE A GUN IN MY...
HEY.
IS THAT THING SUPPOSED TO BE GLOWING LIKE THAT?

WOULD SOMEBODY PLEASE TELL ME WHERE THE #@&% WE'RE GOING?!
AWAY FROM THE CORPORATE TYRANTS WHO IMPRISONED YOU! AND WERE ABOUT TO KILL YOU!
AWAY FROM THE SECURITY DROIDS THAT MAY EVEN NOW BE PROWLING IN PURSUIT OF US! ISN'T THAT ENOUGH, QUIRK?
SO THAT'S SUPPOSED TO EXPLAIN WHY I HAD TO JOIN YOUR "HUMAN TRIBE" AND PUT ON THIS QUIRK, QUEEN OF THE JUNGLE LOOK?
WHERE ARE WE GOING, KWAME?!
IF YOU MUST KNOW...
YARRH!
ZHAP
MY... SPEAR, QUIRK...
...AIM IT...AND TWIST THE SHAFT...
AND SHOOT COPS?!
LOOK, I'VE FOUGHT SECURITY-THUGS FROM THE CORP-WORLD TRYING TO SILENCE MY SONGS, BUT NEVER --
-- oh, JEEZ.
URB'N
SHAK

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WHERE ARE WE GOING, KWAME?!
IF YOU MUST KNOW...
WE ARE GOING TO MEET A GOD, ONE WHO WILL GIVE YOU YOUR TRUE PURPOSE IN LIFE!
WHAT, LIKE SINGING AND COMPOSING WAG AN ADOLESCENT PHASE? IF YOU DON'T --
DROIDS!
SHAK
NO! THEY'RE POLICE! BUT WHY ARE THEY AFTER --
YARRH!
ZHAP
KWAME!
MY SPEAR, QUIRK...
AIM IT... AND TWIST THE SHAFT...
AND SHOOT COPS?!
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-- oh, JEEZ
SHAK
SHAK
QUIRK SHAK
SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT A Q-AND-A SESSION ISN'T AN OPTION HERE.
SORRY, OFFICER!
BUT LITTLE QUIRK'S STILL GOT TOO MUCH TO LIVE FOR!

...WE ARE GOING TO MEET A GOD ONE WHO WILL GIVE YOU YOUR TRUE PURPOSE IN LIFE!
WHAT, LIKE SINGING AND COMPOSING WAS AN ADOLESCENT PHASE? IF YOU DON'T --
D'ROIDS!
SHAK
NO! THEY'RE POLICE! BUT WHY ARE THEY AFTER --
KWAME!
SHAK SHAK
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SHAK
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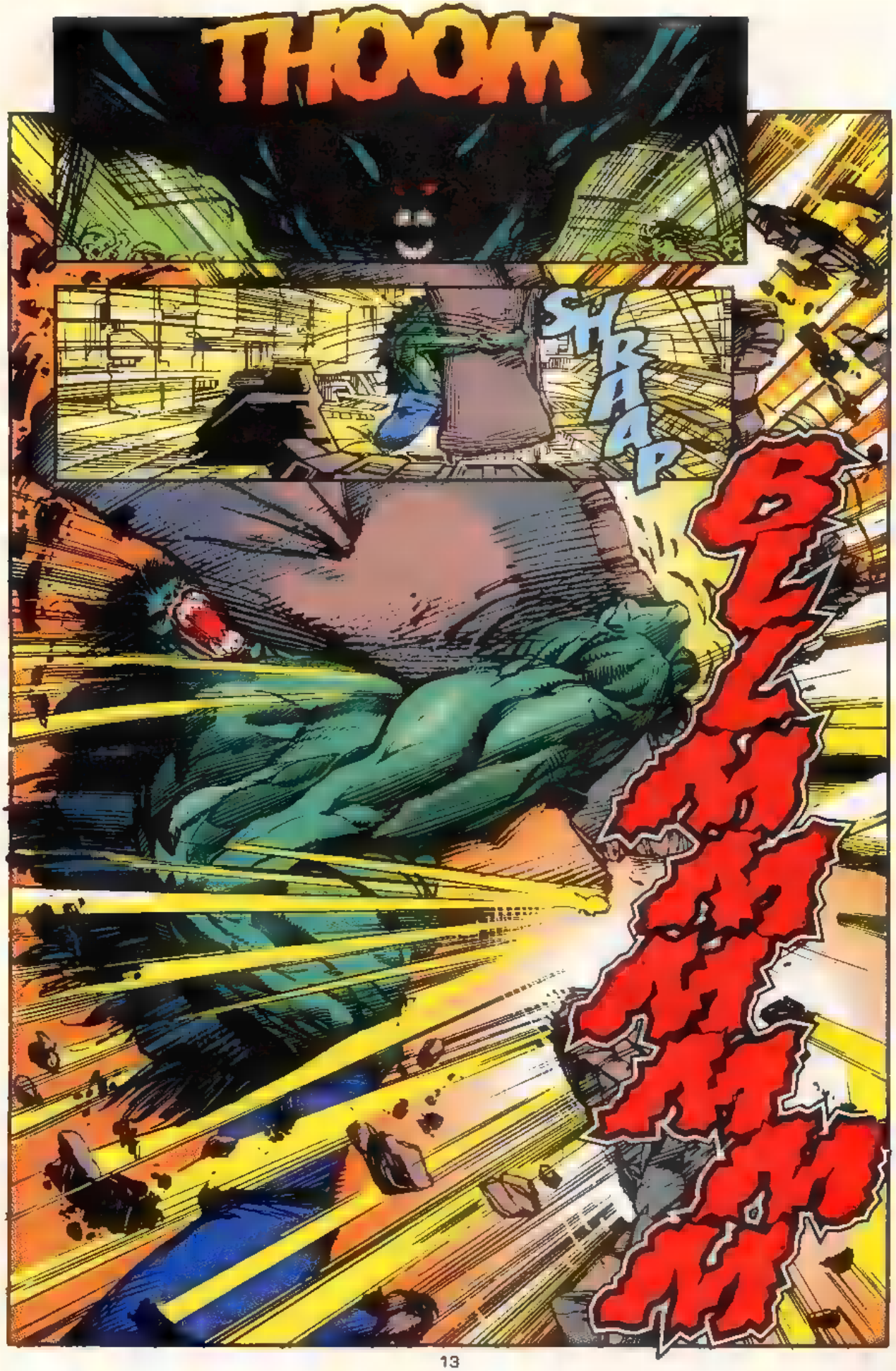
THE POWER-CORE! IT'S GONNA BLOW!
CLEAR OUT!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT! YOU SHOULD'VE KNOWN I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! YOU --
TECH 1
MOVE IT! THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP IT NOW!
WARN THE CREW ON THE SECOND FLOOR! TELL 'EM TO RUN -- OR THEY'RE DEAD!
HANG THE CREW ON THE SECOND FLOOR!
OUT OF MY WAY!
UNGH!
OUT OF MY WAY! I'M AN EXECUTIVE!
WHAT...?


THOOM
SHRAP
BLARGHHHH

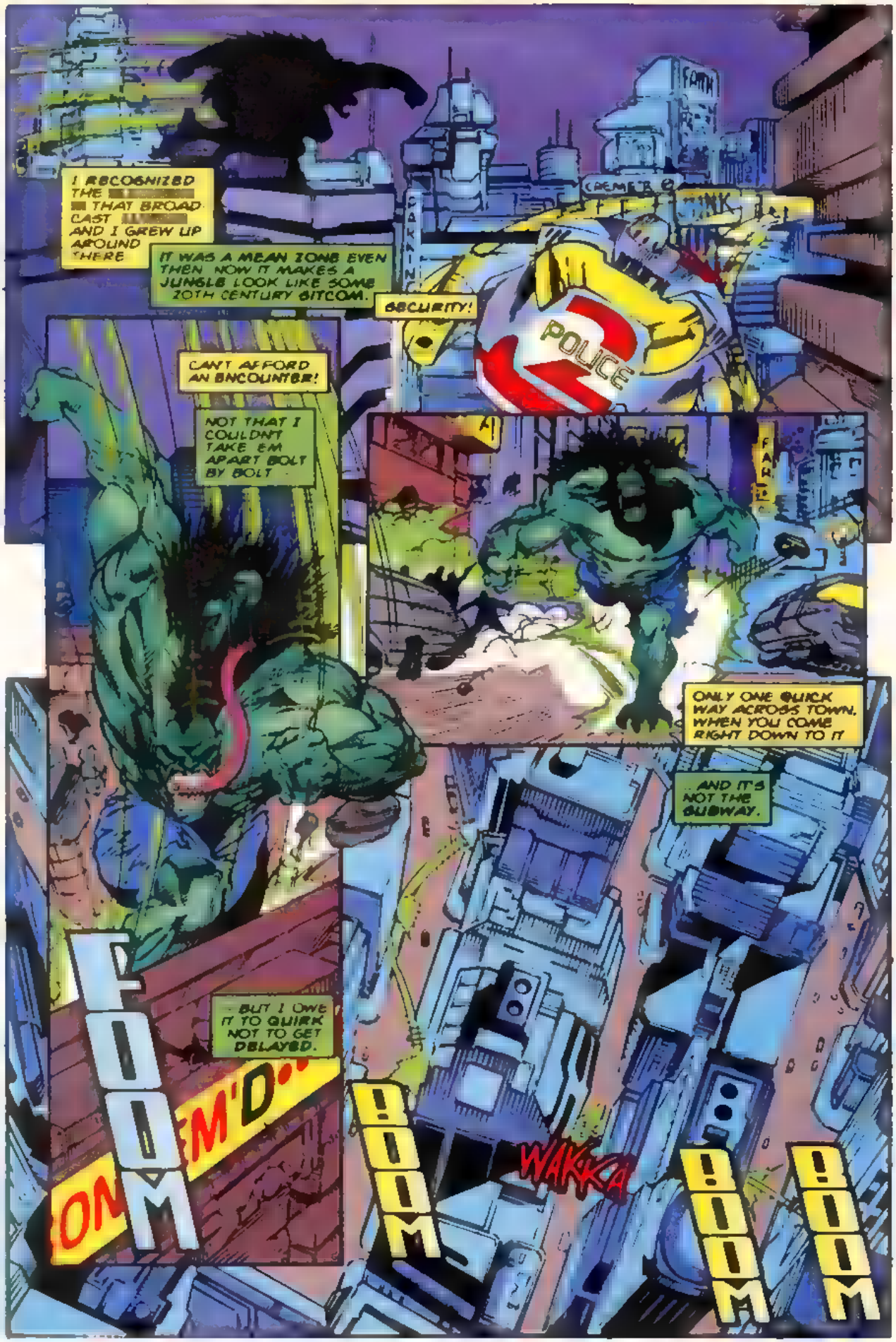
MAYBE NEXT TIME YOU SHOULD SPRING FOR A LICENSED ELECTRICIAN!

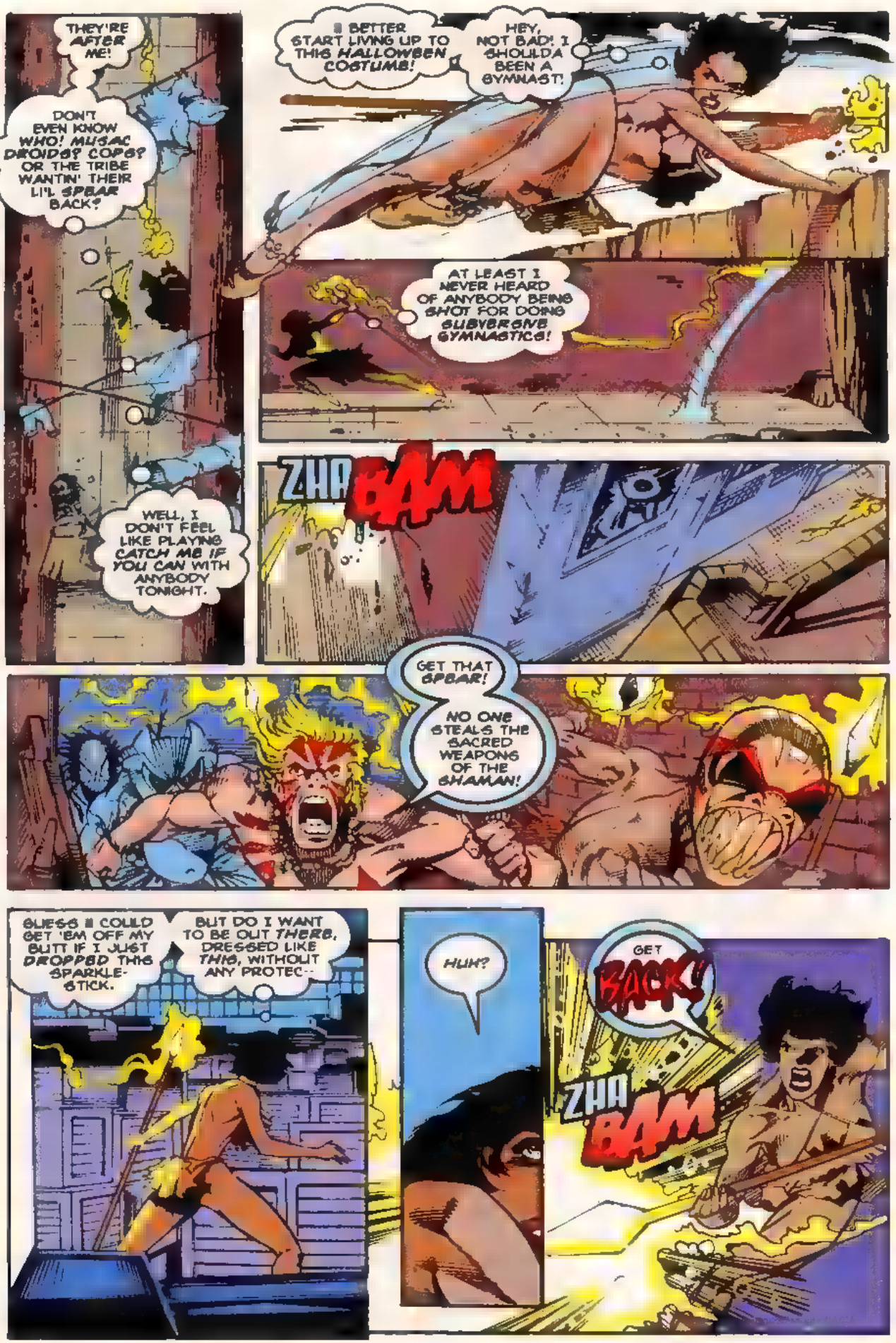
HULK! HULK! HULK! HULK! HULK! HULK!
LISTEN TO ME!
YOU CAN'T BE SO CARELESS! THIS DREAM OF YOURS IS BREAKABLE -- AND THERE'RE PEOPLE OUT THERE DYING TO BREAK IT!

CALMA, MAN! CALMA! WE'VE TALKED TO THE CYBERSHAMAN -- AND HE'S TOLD US WHERE TO FIND THE PROTECTION WE NEED!
WHAT?!

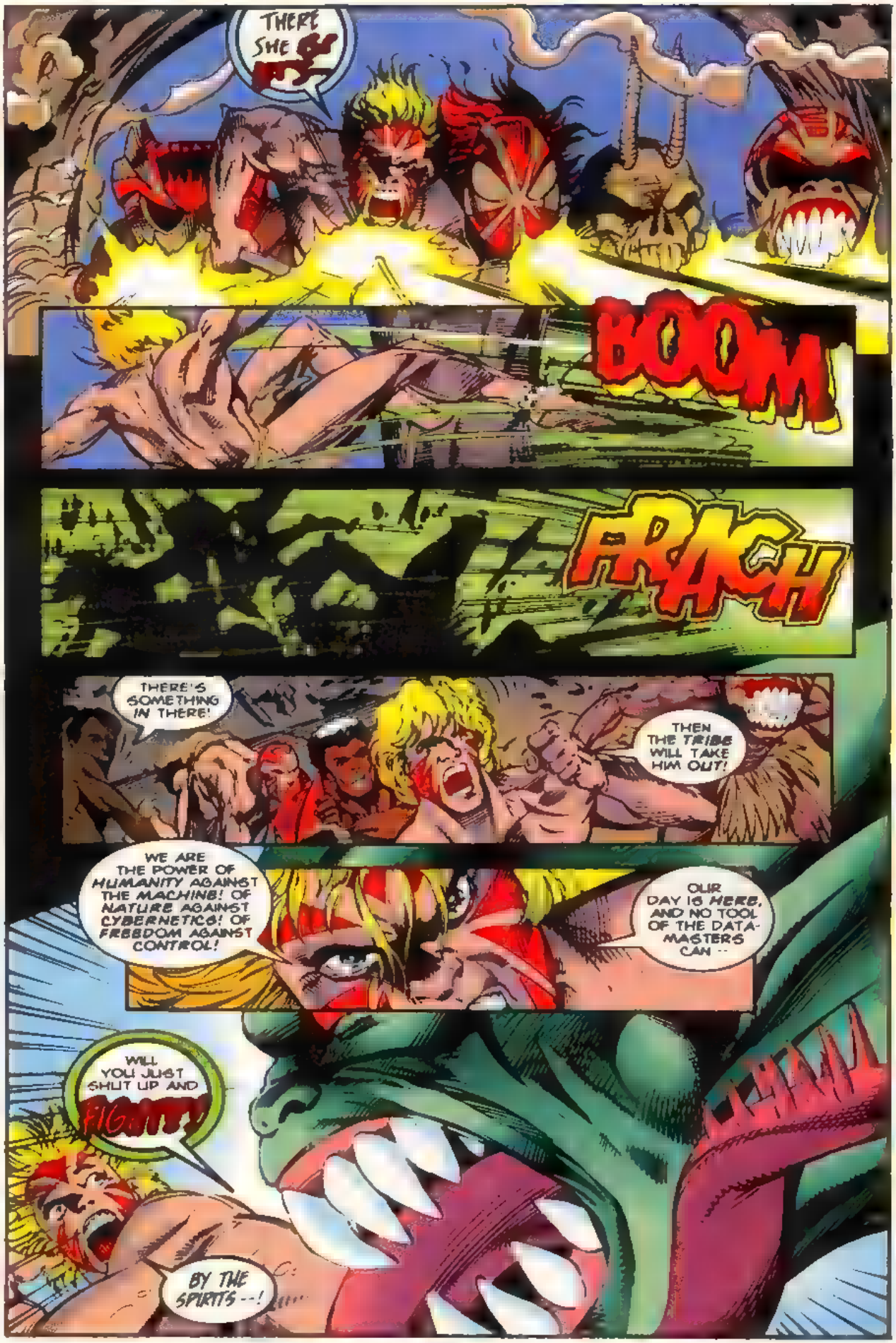
THIS IS A NEWS REPORT FROM POLICE IMAGING. THE HUMAN TRIBE IS A STREET-FIGHTING ARMY OPPOSED TO CORPORATE CONTROL.
THEY WERE FREEING PRISONERS FROM COMPANIES RECENTLY BOUGHT OUT BY DRACO WHEN THE BIG D PULLED STRINGS TO GET THEM ATTACKED BY COPS!
MOST OF 'EM SURVIVED -- BUT THEY NEED SUPPORT, A REFUGE...
I'M ABOUT TO TELL HIM THEY LOOK LIKE MY KIND OF PEOPLE ...WHEN I SEE HER.
QUIRK. ALIVE!
USING ONE OF THOSE SPEARS TO BLOW HER WAY THROUGH A WALL...
...AND GET LOST.
MAYBE WAY LOST. IN A CITY THAT'LL BE HUNTING HER TWICE AS HARD NOW.
IN AN OUTFIT THAT WON'T EXACTLY LET HER BLEND INTO A CROWD.
WE GOT WHAT THEY NEED. AND THEY GOT WHAT WE NEED -- A LITTLE ATTITUDE AND A LOT OF WEAPONS!

THE TRIBE GOT AWAY -- AND I'VE ARRANGED A SECRET LITTLE PARTY BETWEEN THEM AND SOME OF US WHO CAN SPEAK FOR LOTUSLAND!
CAN'T HEAR WHAT HE'S SAYING ANYMORE. I'M TRYING -- I WANT TO MAKE THESE PEOPLE LOOK AT WHAT THEY'RE DOING --
BUT QUIRK, BLAST IT! SHE COUNTED ON ME, AND I FAILED BEFORE --
-- I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!
WHERE'S HE GOING?
I DON'T KNOW, KEISHA! BUT NOW WE'VE GOTTA MAKE THAT RENDEZ VOUS
"...WE GOTTA GET THE CYBERSHAMAN AND THE TRIBE ON OUR SIDE.
"...'CAUSE WE CAN'T EVEN COUNT ON THE HULK ANYMORE!"


I RECOGNIZED THE [redacted] THAT BROAD CAST [redacted] AND I GREW UP AROUND THERE
IT WAS A MEAN ZONE EVEN THEN. NOW IT MAKES A JUNGLE LOOK LIKE SOME 20TH CENTURY SITCOM.
SECURITY!
POLICE
CAN'T AFFORD AN ENCOUNTER!
NOT THAT I COULDN'T TAKE 'EM APART BOLT BY BOLT.
ONLY ONE QUICK WAY ACROSS TOWN. WHEN YOU COME RIGHT DOWN TO IT
...AND IT'S NOT THE SUBWAY.
...BUT I OWE IT TO QUIRK NOT TO GET DELAYED.
FOOM
BOOM
WAKKA
BOOM
BOOM


THEY'RE AFTER ME!
DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO! MUSAC DROIDS? COPS? OR THE TRIBE WANTIN' THEIR LI'L SPEAR BACK?
WELL, I DON'T FEEL LIKE PLAYING CATCH ME IF YOU CAN WITH ANYBODY TONIGHT.
I BETTER START LIVING UP TO THIS HALLOWEEN COSTUME!
HEY, NOT BAD! I SHOULDA BEEN A GYMNAST!
AT LEAST I NEVER HEARD OF ANYBODY BEING SHOT FOR DOING SUBVERSIVE GYMNASTICS!
ZHA BAM
GET THAT SPEAR!
NO ONE STEALS THE SACRED WEAPONS OF THE SHAMAN!
GUESS I COULD GET 'EM OFF MY BUTT IF I JUST DROPPED THIS SPARKLE-STICK.
BUT DO I WANT TO BE OUT THERE, DRESSED LIKE THIS, WITHOUT ANY PROTEC--
HUH?
GET BACK!
ZHA BAM

I KNOW YOURE BUGGED AT ME, QUIRK --
-- BUT DON'T YOU THINK AN ANGRY NOTE WOULD'VE BEEN ENOUGH?
HULK...?
JOHN...?
I THOUGHT YOU TOOK OFF INTO THE DESERT -- AND LEFT US!
I CHANGED MY MIND.
NO. GAWAIN CHANGED IT FOR ME. HE DIED, QUIRK. DIED SAVING ME.
I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO YOU, QUIRK. NOW THE HULK LOOKS AFTER HIS OWN.
ZWA-BA-BA-BA
WELL, BABE... I'M GLAD YOU'RE LOOKIN' NOW!
BAM


THERE SHE
BOOM
FRACH
THERE'S SOMETHING IN THERE!
THEN THE TRIBE WILL TAKE HIM OUT!
WE ARE THE POWER OF HUMANITY AGAINST THE MACHINE! OF NATURE AGAINST CYBERNETICS! OF FREEDOM AGAINST CONTROL!
OUR DAY IS HERE, AND NO TOOL OF THE DATA-MASTERS CAN --
WILL YOU JUST SHUT UP AND FIGHT!
BY THE SPIRITS --!

IT'S HIM!
YOU KNOW... SOMEBODY'S GONNA HAVE TO FILL ■ ■ ON ■ LOT!
THE BLACK ■ DEFEATED DRACO ■ FREED LOTUS-LAND!
THE TRUE HERO OF THE POST-CORPORATE AGE!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

ITEM: One of the most popular and longest-running comic strip characters — the Phantom — returns to comic books next week — in a way you've never seen him before!

The Phantom: The Ghost Who Walks is a three-issue limited series brought to you by Australia's hottest writer/artist team, **Dave** [illegible] and [illegible] **Lumsden**. Dave promised, "This is not the Phantom he has traditionally been done. When I first got the assignment, I was told to push it as far as I could. We've received enormous cooperation from King Features (the syndicate that owns the Phantom) and **Lee Falk** (the Phantom's creator). The Phantom has been completely re-designed for the 1990s."

"We've kept the basic elements of the character. We took some inspiration right from the [illegible]. We figured out what made the character great, and why. We re-tell the story of the Phantom as if it hadn't existed before. It's sort of "Phantom: Year One!"

Dave revealed that the Phantom is the biggest thing down under since Crocodile Dundee! "In Australia, he's popular as Superman, Batman, and the X-Men rolled into one!" (The Phantom is actually mega-popular all over the world. In Sweden, they even have a Phantom theme park!) When word got out that there was a new Phantom comic book in the works, Dave was deluged by the Australian media, doing interviews with dozens of Australian newspapers, magazines, and tv shows. Dave vows that was nothing compared to the furor that will erupt once the Phantom comic actually goes on sale! Dave and Glen will be touring "just about every comic shop in Australia" to promote the book.

THE GHOST WHO WALKS is a rousing adventure tale which takes the Phantom from the jungles of Africa to the concrete jungles of New York City, as he fights to save his homeland from greedy land developers! Readers will learn the background of the Phantom, including his role in the African community. As Dave put it, "He's sort of a cross between Stallone and Prince Charles, only without the ears!"

Dave had high praise for the work of Glen Lumsden, noting, "He's Australia's premier artist in comics — and he's got the awards to prove it!" Dave compared Glen's art to that of such luminaries as [illegible] and **Bolland**, and added that "this is the best thing he's done!"

Editor **Tom Daning** stressed that "old and new fans will like THE GHOST WHO WALKS. The new fans will really get a lot out of the hi-tech equipment the Phantom now uses, including body armor!" In summing up his thoughts on this classic adventure hero who has endured for fifty years, Tom joked, "This is not your grandfather's Phantom!"

ITEM! If you thought last month's double-sized issue of the INCREDIBLE HULK was a pulse-pounder, wait'll you get a look at what we've cooked up for ol' Greenskin this month! We can't give away too many details, but we will say that after this issue, the Hulk's relationships with Betty and the Pantheon will never be the same! The creative team for HULK #426 is writer **Peter David**, with artists **Liam Sharp** and **Robin Riggs**. Pointing to the eye-catching cover, assistant editor "Professor" **James Felder** could hardly restrain himself as he remarked, "That's me in the straitjacket! I went crazy with excitement after reading this issue!" The Prof went on to say that "readers will find this issue smashing! They'll split their purple pants!" Peter David called the issue "the single most off-beat Hulk story of the year, if not of my entire run on the book!" Peter concluded, "If you can buy only one issue of the HULK this month, this is the one!"

[illegible]

Hi, True Believers!

I'm ashamed of myself! Last month I got so excited about announcing the fact that I'll be starting a new line of mags called Excelsior Comics that I forgot to wish you all a great Thanksgiving! I had intended to write one of my special award-losing poems for you in honor of the holiday, but I blew it!

However, there's still time for me to make your Christmas the unforgettable holiday that it should be by composing a new Santa Claus poem for you to tenderly treasure until next year! Since I'm much too lazy to compose my own music, take a whack at singing it to the tune of "SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN" ...

You must have heard, everyone knows,
Though it's absurd, here's how it goes ...
Santa Claus is reading X-Men!

He's been a fan, that's no surprise,
After all, man, we know that he's wise.
Santa Claus is reading X-Men!

He reads 'em when you're sleeping,
They keep him wide awake.
He just can't get enough of them,
'Cause they're good, for goodness sake!

So here's what to do,'take my advice,
Buy every one, regardless of price!
Santa Claus is reading X-Men!

Kind'a gets you where you live, huh? After reading the above, I'll bet there isn't a dry eye in the batty bullpen. Of course, Spidy'll be angry that I didn't mention him, but there's always next year. And hey, before you start bombarding me with indignant letters, I know that we've changed the names of the X-Men books! I know Santa Claus can't be reading about Professor X if ol' Chrome dome is pushing up daisies right now, and I know his garrulous gaggle of groupies has had a major Marvel makeover! But you've gotta allow me to take a little poetic license. I mean, no matter how I tried, I couldn't figure out how to make the stanzas end with the words GENERATION X and still keep the rhythm!

Well, I've gotta close now because Valentine's Day isn't far off and who knows? — You might desperately need another poem!

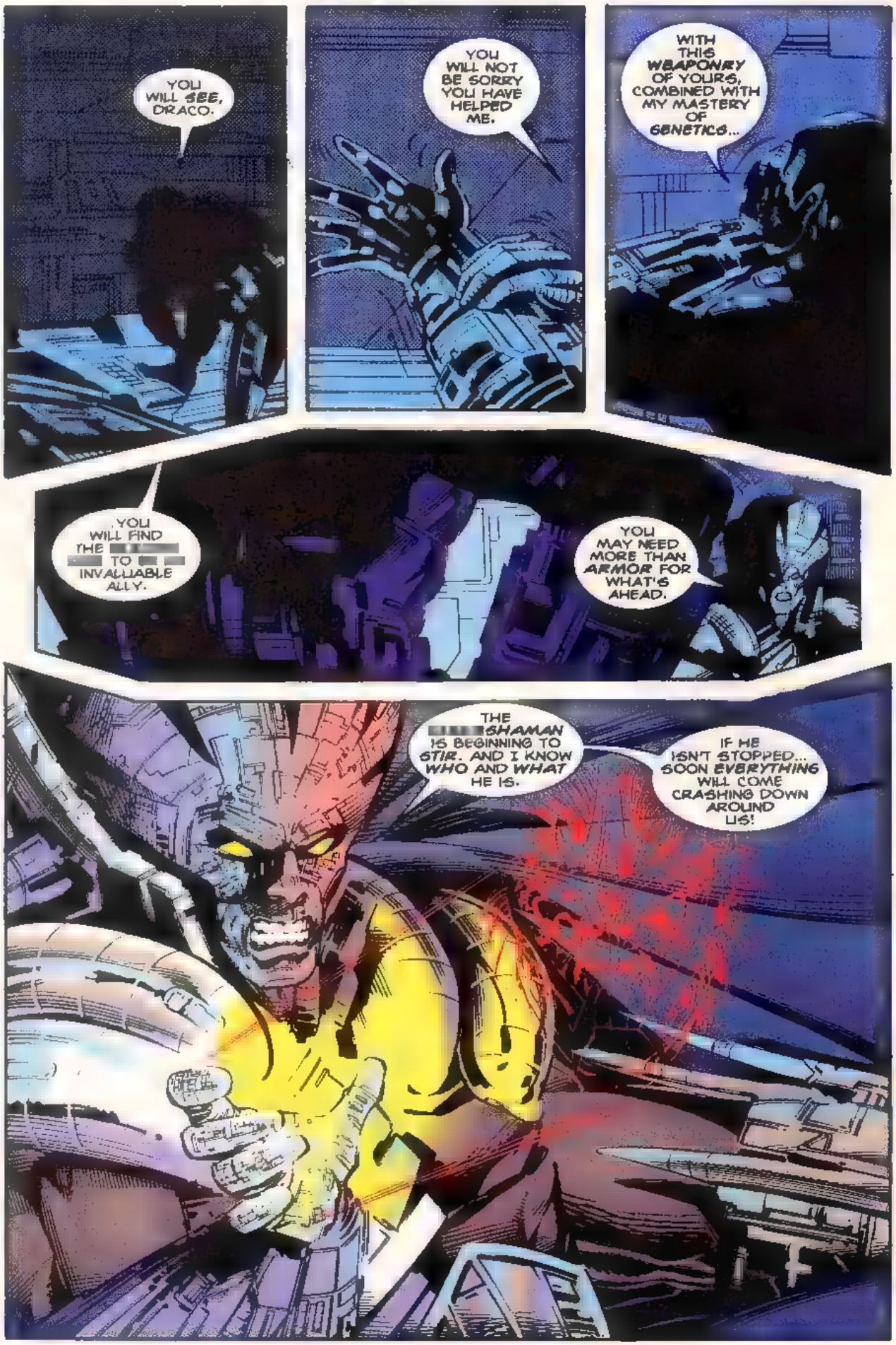
Excelsior!

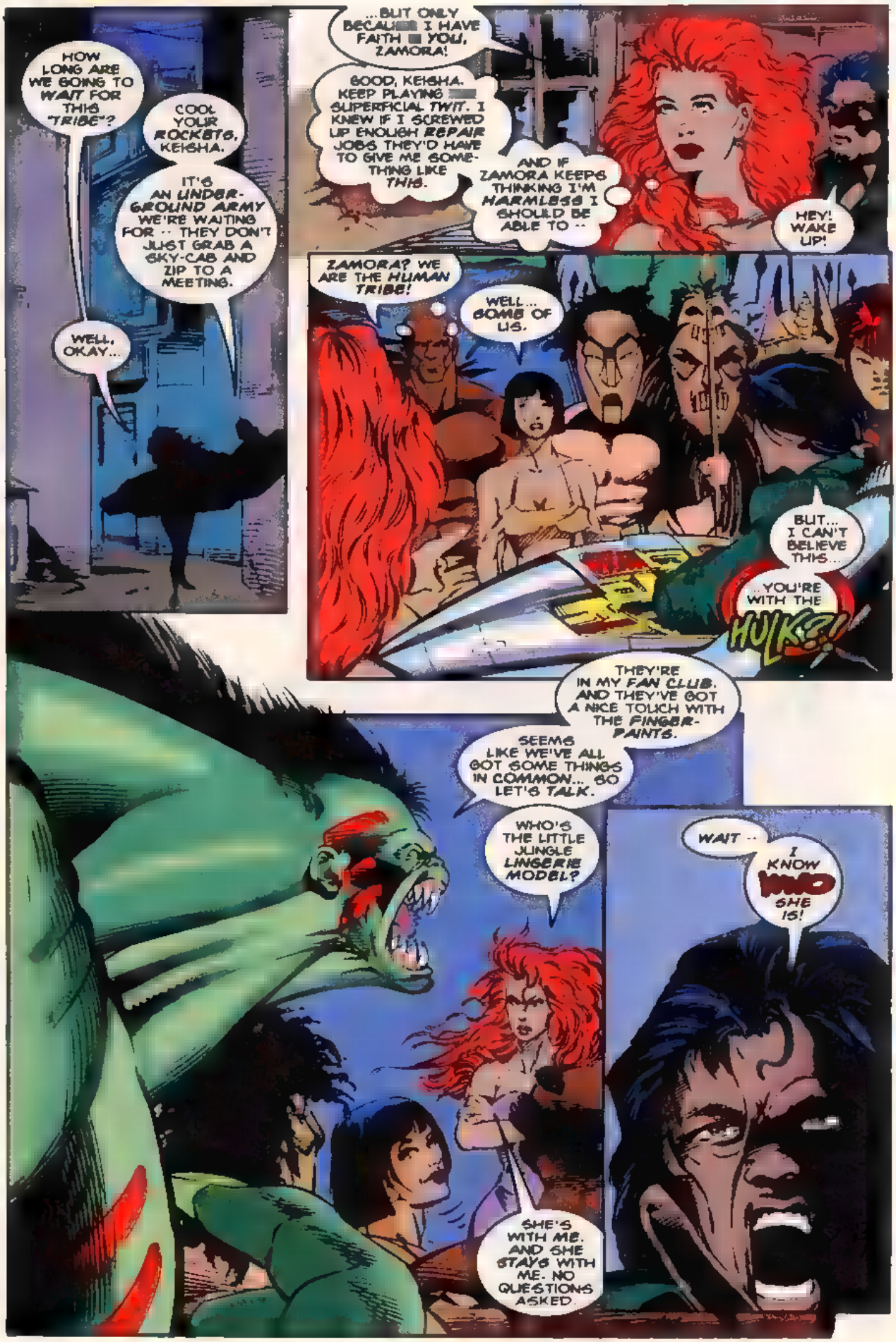
Stan!

Santa Lee

COMING NEXT WEEK

- **AVENGERS** [illegible] The **Fantastic Force** show up to protect Crystal! By Brevoort & Kanterovich/Gustovich!
- **BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD #12:** The boys stay up late to nab **Santa Claus**! By Marcil & Johnson/Parker!
- [illegible] The story [illegible] destined to tell the origin of [illegible] **Destine**! By Davis/Farmer!
- **DOOM 2099** [illegible] Some mysterious visitors [illegible] from Cyberspace! By Ellis/Broderick/Nyberg!
- **GHOST** [illegible] **#10:** On the trail of a Transverse City serial [illegible] By Kaminski/Hotz!
- **INCREDIBLE HULK** [illegible] **DELUXE:** The final fates of **Betty** and the [illegible] By David/Sharp/Riggs!
- **IRON MAN VS. DR.** [illegible] Like knights of old, [illegible] armored titans clash! By Michelinie/Romita Jr./ Layton!
- [illegible] **ACTION HOUR: FANTASTIC** [illegible] **#4:** Atlantis [illegible] By Calvier/Alcatena!
- [illegible] **ACTION HOUR: IRON** [illegible] **#4:** [illegible] Stark's new jet! By Dutter/Labat/Nyberg!
- **MARVEL COMICS** [illegible]**ENTS #174:** Lunatik vs the **Silver Surfer**? That's crazy!
- **MARVEL SUPER HEROES** [illegible] All John Byrne issue! By Byrne/Byrne/Various!
- **MORBIUS #30:** Back from the dead with new powers and a new purpose! By Truisani/Gilmore!
- **NOVA #14:** Nova leads the **New Warriors** into battle, and Condor soars! By Marinan/Stegbauer!
- **PHANTOM #1 OF 3:** Lee Falk's classic character in grim and gritty action! By DeVries/Lumsden!
- **PUNISHER #99:** Better line up that replacement Punisher Micro! By Dixon/Whigham/Nebres!
- **SABRETOOTH CLASSICS #10:** The **Morlock Massacre** continues! By L. Simonson/Bogdanove!
- **SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #230:** The evil empire of **Archeron** must fall! By Thomas/Docherty/Cruz!
- **SPIDER-MAN #65:** The **Scarlet Spider** faces the **Grim Hunter** and **Kaine**! By Mackie/Lyle/Hannal
- **SPIDER-MAN MAGAZINE #11:** Spidey fights the **Lizard** and an army of alligators. By Kurschenbaum/Heck/Esposito!
- **WARLOCK & THE INFINITY WATCH #37:** **Firelord**'s soul has been stolen! By Arcudi/Oliffe/Williams!
- **WHAT IF...#70:** What if the **Silver Surfer** had not betrayed **Galactus**? By Dixon/Barney!
- **X-MEN 2099 #17:** Further adventures of Xi'an in the Theatre of Pain! By Moore/Lim/Candelario!


YOU WILL SEE, DRACO.
YOU WILL NOT BE SORRY YOU HAVE HELPED ME.
WITH THIS WEAPONRY OF YOURS, COMBINED WITH MY MASTERY OF GENETICS...
YOU WILL FIND THE [redacted] TO [redacted] INVALUABLE ALLY.
YOU MAY NEED MORE THAN ARMOR FOR WHAT'S AHEAD.
THE [redacted] SHAMAN IS BEGINNING TO STIR. AND I KNOW WHO AND WHAT HE IS.
IF HE ISN'T STOPPED... SOON EVERYTHING WILL COME CRASHING DOWN AROUND US!


HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO WAIT FOR THIS "TRIBE"?
COOL YOUR ROCKETS, KEISHA.
IT'S AN UNDERGROUND ARMY WE'RE WAITING FOR -- THEY DON'T JUST GRAB A SKY-CAB AND ZIP TO A MEETING.
WELL, OKAY...
...BUT ONLY BECAUSE I HAVE FAITH IN YOU, ZAMORA!
GOOD, KEISHA. KEEP PLAYING SUPERFICIAL TWIT. I KNEW IF I SCREWED UP ENOUGH REPAIR JOBS THEY'D HAVE TO GIVE ME SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
AND IF ZAMORA KEEPS THINKING I'M HARMLESS I SHOULD BE ABLE TO --
HEY! WAKE UP!
ZAMORA? WE ARE THE HUMAN TRIBE!
WELL... SOME OF US.
BUT... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...
...YOU'RE WITH THE HULK?!
THEY'RE IN MY FAN CLUB. AND THEY'VE GOT A NICE TOUCH WITH THE FINGER-PAINTS.
SEEMS LIKE WE'VE ALL GOT SOME THINGS IN COMMON... SO LET'S TALK.
WHO'S THE LITTLE JUNGLE LINGERIE MODEL?
WAIT --
I KNOW WHO SHE IS!
SHE'S WITH ME. AND SHE STAYS WITH ME. NO QUESTIONS ASKED.

YOU... YOU DO?
AND WHAT MAN OF TASTE WOULD NOT, HERMANA? THE EDGIEST, CUTTINGEST, TRUTHFULEST, VALIENTE-EST TUNES OF THE LAST TWENTY YEARS WERE CUT BY QUIRK, NO?
I'M ANGEL ZAMORA, AND I'M HONORED TO SHAKE YOUR HAND!
ZAMORA...? THE V.R. ARTIST?! I'VE SEEN YOUR STUFF! YOU'RE A GENIUS!
YOU KNOW, WE OUGHTTA DO SOMETHING TOGETHER!
Oh, I'M SURE, QUERIDA, THAT WE WILL DO... SOMETHING!
OH, GOOD! I SEE THAT MY FRIENDS HAVE ALREADY MET!
CYBERSHAMAN!
WHAT'S THIS TO YOU?!
EVERYTHING WE ARE ...IS HIS! BOW DOWN TO OUR MASTER!
BOW TO THE GOD OF THE CYBERNETIC UNIVERSE!

SO THE TV SHAMAN IS RUNNING AN ARMY. WHY?
CIVILIZATION HAS BECOME BRITTLE AND TYRANNICAL! IT'S TIME FOR NATURAL MAN TO TAKE BACK THE WORLD!
I'M ALL FOR THAT -- OR MAYBE YOU GUESSED THAT ALREADY. BUT WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
I'M DOING IT RIGHT NOW!
"WITH MY POWER OF THE MYSTICAL PATTERNS OF THE CYBERVERSE...
"...I AM SHUTTING DOWN THIS CITY!
"POLICE CRUISERS CRASH, JAIL-GATES OPEN, STREET-LIGHTS DIE, SECURITY SYSTEMS FAIL.
"KEEPERS OF ORDER ARE DISABLED, AGENTS OF DISORDER ARE SET FREE!"
IN THE DARKNESS AND CHAOS, A NEW HUMANITY IS BORN!
PRAISE THE SHAMAN! OUR DAY IS HERE!

YOUR DAY TOO, HULK!
DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED! WHY DO YOU THINK I USED MY MAGIC TO FIND YOU AND LEAD YOU HERE?
YOU CAN OPPOSE THIS UPRISING -- AND LET IT SWIRL OUT OF CONTROL TO DESTROY YOU AND EVERYTHING ELSE!
OR YOU CAN TAKE COMMAND -- AND BECOME THE RULER OF A WORLD OF CHAOS!
WHAT WILL IT BE?!
TO BE CONTINUED...!

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Out Of My Head

Now *here's* corporate thinking.

Our insurance company, Insensitive Life, has decided that we've now grown too *big* for 'em. They can't afford to carry us unless they cut our benefits. That's nice. What's the message here? Work hard, become successful, grow, expand, provide more jobs, and this is Insensitive Life's reward?

And what do they cut? Vision benefits. Look. I wear glasses. Matt wears glasses. Lia wears glasses. Do you think squinting at faxed comic book scripts all day *strengthens* the eyesight?

Pick up a magazine, any magazine. Insensitive Life usually has a two-page ad, often starting on the *inside front cover*. The ad tells about how you can keep insurance payments down by avoiding disease. Thanks. What's Plan B? Do you have any idea what these ads cost? This from the outfit that can't afford us?

When you see me, don't ask, "How's your health?"

Dear Tongue Lashings,

Congrats on a job well done! Hulk 2099 is GREAT! I'm glad he finally got his own series! He deserves it! I'm also glad he went from fighting "Godzilla" type monsters to more technological ones like Draco and his 'bots. By the way, Draco is the coolest villain since the WaterGod.

I figured out which pages were turned to "egg white." It was 12, 13, and the top right panel on 14. The memory sequences were taken from 2099 UNLIMITED #1 and altered a little. Hope I'm right.

Till Hulk 2099 gets his tongue stuck on a flagpole in winter, make mine Marvel!

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Glad you enjoyed ish #1, Brandon. But, no, we didn't take any art from UNLIMITED #1.

Dear Tongue Lashings,

Congratulations! I just finished reading issue #1! Great! I was glad to see Gawain killed. Hulk didn't need him tagging along all the time. Besides, it gives him a reason to fight, motivation, if you will.

Draco's interesting. His cybernetic nature, along with the cyberspace storylines in SPIDER-MAN 2099 and X-MEN 2099, make it evident that the coming changes in the 2099 universe will be linked with cyberspace. The only question is: How? I can't wait to find out!

Anyway, I love Hulk 2099 and I know he'll be a major force (and a green one at that!) in the world of 2099.

Until we see Ren & Stimpy 2099, Make Mine Marvel!

Adam Comett
(Address withheld by request)

You're close about Draco and the cyberspace connection, Adam! That's a hint!

Dear Joey & Lia,

Wow, wow, wow, wow! You have another winner on your hands! HULK 2099 was everything I was hoping it to be and more! I can't wait for the next character development! This book's great!

Sorry to hear about the accident with the pages. I'm sure it caused a lot of stress. But, hey, I looked hard and I couldn't find the pages in Hulk 2099 that were reconstructed. My only guess would be the pages of John talking to the Doctor or the pages with the explosion and the poor kid's death. But other than that, the pages looked awesome! Good job in a stress-filled environment.

Tim Valdivia
(Address withheld by request)

Thanks for the sympathetic words And congratulations, you're winner number one! Wanna e-mail us your new address so we can get you your prize stuff?

Yo 2099'ers,

I enjoyed the premiere ish of HULK 2099. I liked the way the title looked on the cover. Big, bad and bold, just like the character. One thing, though; can you close that gap in his upper teeth? Maybe some braces? Otherwise, he's cool (like, who'll make fun of him anyway?) I welcome him to my other 2099 titles with an open mind. You've done good!

Oh, and I submit pages 28 & 29 as the culprits.

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We worked really hard with unsung hero Ken Lopez on the logo, so we're pleased you took note of it, but we don't want to be the ones to tell the Hulk he needs braces. By the way, you're winner number two!

Dear Tongue Lashings,

I've been collecting comics for about eight years, but I've never had occasion to write a letter. I started collecting some of the 2099 titles back when they were introduced. As soon as I saw the big green guy jumping into the future, I knew I wanted to see him in his own book. The first issue was great, but I'm sorry Gawain was killed. As soon as I got to the letters page and saw that there was a contest with some really nifty prizes, I had to write. I say they were pages 1, 2 and 3.

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Thanks for staying on board, Steve!

Dear Joey,

This is my entry/guess into your HULK 2099 contest. I say pages numbered 26, 28 and 29 are the reconstructed ones. And yes, as a hopeful future artist myself I agree that the little insect who destroyed the pages deserves whatever he gets! Ahem, let me calm down before I turn big and green. Hope I win! Thanks.

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You have a good eye, Len. Congrats, you're winner number three! Thanks to all who sent in their guesses and offered their sympathies.

NEXT ISSUE

The Cybershaman vs. Draco for the control of Lotusland! Plus, a third villain from the Hulk's UNLIMITED days. Can ya guess who? (No prizes for that, though...)